

## ITEMS.

Mount Vernon is in a bad state of decay, and greatly damaged by cutting timber.

The working men of Detroit, Mich., have formed an eight-hour league. They are going to try to carry the coming election on that issue.

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Jeff. Davis was moved, Monday, under a strong guard from his confinement prison to the quarters assigned him in Carroll Hall.

Gen. Fremont is about to take up his residence in St. Louis, at the Branch mansion on Chestnut avenue, memorable as his headquarters in 1861.

A copperhead paper casts a slur upon General Sherman for drawing his sword against his ancient friends, Bragg and Beauregard.

The Friends are negotiating for eight ocean steamers, and that extensive purchases of arms from the Government have been made by the Order.

In Ohio the contest is really between Sherman and Schenck for Senator. The Governorship excites little interest.

In Constantinople there was a conflagration a few days since, which destroyed 3000 houses.

The biography of Mrs. Surratt is being written by Mr. Aiken, one of her counsel.

Gen. Kilpatrick has accepted a challenge from the Hon. A. J. Hodges of New Jersey to "stump" that State in company.

Thurlow Weed earned his first dollar by going fishing. He caught a big salmon and sold it to a judge for a silver dollar.

Miss Emma Jones of Charleston, S. C., has been fined \$100 by court martial for trampling the American flag in the dust and trampling on it in the presence of citizens and soldiers.

In Richmond on Saturday night, John Perkins mistook his wife for a burglar whom he thought he heard in the house.

Three ladies of Sumpter, S. C., were called to account by the Provost Marshal recently for waving Confederate flags at party. They were sharply rebuked, and settled the matter by a written apology.

A recent article in the London Times makes the number of fatal accidents annually occurring in London, from carriages, at 300, which exceeds the number killed by railway in the United Kingdom by 240.

A laborer in Teaneck was suffocated in gas a few days ago. He was shoveling tarley, and getting into the current of gas, raising down a spout, was covered in a few moments by four thousand bushels.

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At Waterville, Me., Sunday morning, a scuffle took place between two students on the college premises, when one of them fired a pistol three times at the other, slightly wounding him.

Col. Indee, of St. Joseph, Mo., in a letter to his family from the Western plains, says that G. J. Parker of the 7th Michigan cavalry was recently sent to a wagon yard, surrounded with bacon, and in that position burned to death.

Dr. J. B. Church of New Bedford committed a brutal outrage on the person of a little girl eight years old, who went to his office for medicine one day this week. He is thus far escaped arrest.

Orders have been received at St. Paul, Minn., directing the execution of Little Six and Medicine Bottle, the two Sioux Indians who have been under the sentence of death at Fort Snelling for a year past.

A school-mistress in St. Louis was fined last week \$20 and costs, amounting in all to \$50, for cruelty toward one of her school girls a little boy. She whipped him until the blood ran down his back.

Maj. Mahan, in a speech in Worcester, indicated that a Fenian on board the Great Eastern purposely damaged the cable, because he was determined that informers should not have the use of the cable until Irish independence is achieved.

Colorado has adopted its state constitution by a large majority, but has rejected the article giving the suffrage to colored men.

A railroad collision in Virginia is chronicled as "civilization advancing in the Old Dominion."

Fourteen hundred families of freedmen are asked the military authorities at Fortress Monroe for leave to buy land and dwellings in Virginia, for which they offer the bare cash.

"Sir," asked a newly-fledged legislator of a fellow passenger on the Hudson River steamer, "are you going to the Legislature?" "No, thank God! not so bad as that. You're going to the State Prison."

Gov. Brownlow of Tennessee is absent with impeachment at the next session of the legislature of that state.

A German umbrella maker has reached Philadelphia in his journey around the world not. He has traveled three-quarters of the globe, and has been thirteen years about here.

The planter on the eastern shore of Maryland according to the freedmen, here or at Washington, for their negro laborers.

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A birth marked "W. E. 1815" has been found in New Britain, Ct., and recognized by Mr. Wm. Ellis, of that place, as one marked by him fifty-two years ago.

The rebels comforted themselves while Grant was before Richmond with the bit of Shakespeare "God and good angel fight on Richmond's side."

Mr. Revere claims that the name "Magic Oil" is his "trade mark"—and that any persons who use it for a medicine do so at their peril, as no one does so, besides those who are recently ill.

This attachment of a portion of the people to the prejudices of a former era is not to be wondered at. So, after the days of Magna Charta, some still held to the old doctrine that the people were made for the King. So, after the birth of Republics, some still contended that noble blood was better than the merit of intellect and virtue. We ridicule those men who lived in a century of progress and worshipped the political heresies of a former age.—And thus a coming generation will laugh at the tools of our day who preferred the test of color to the test of intelligence.

The war has closed; and the survivors of our noble army of volunteers have returned to their homes. We have welcomed the veteran regiments of a four years' conflict with salutes, and festivals, and speeches; and have dismissed the soldiers to their families with heartfelt expressions of our thanks and gratitude. Men who lost their limbs on the battle field, or their health in the awful monotony of a prison, are now scattered throughout the land. We should not forget that the debt we owe them is not one to be fully paid by bounty or pension money, or even by the tributes of orators and poets.

There is little danger that we shall ever forget to honor our soldiers with words and monuments of praise. Their deeds are not likely to be passed by, by the writer of romances, the painter of battle scenes, or the historian of his country. We shall honor them while living, and our literature will honor them when dead. But this applause will hardly pay our debt to those who are without the comforts of life. Too often have the defenders of a country been suffering in want, while the land was ringing with their praises. There is no sadder chapter in our Revolutionary history than that which relates how, when the army was disbanded, thousands of its soldiers went forth to wander, destitute and homeless, in the country for whose existence they had fought and suffered seven long years. But then society was disorganized, and the government bankrupt; and their condition could not easily be improved. If the historian is compelled to record a similar treatment of the soldiers of our recent conflict, it will be a lasting disgrace to the Republic.

There is reason to fear that one obligation to the discharged soldiers of our army are not always remembered. Very often we read the story of a returned soldier who in his efforts to obtain an honorable employment, finds that others are invariably preferred, and meets with nothing but discouragement. The appointments under the General and State governments, which in our joy at the close of the war we resolved should be given to our gallant preservers, do not seem to be generally so dispensed. It is bad enough that civilians should be preferred to soldiers, but there is something worse. It is reported that while maimed and wounded officers, and soldiers hobble through the streets of their poor skeletons, while "Wunder and Witz" were buffeting back, with obscene language and blackguard threats, the officers of aid brought to the gates of hell that upon earth by Georgia women. "Only two cups of milk and two eggs!"

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